

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1-18 and 23-32 are currently being prosecuted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejections in view of the amendments and remarks as set forth below.

Title

The Examiner objected to the title. Applicants have adopted the Examiner's suggested title.

Abstract of the Disclosure

The Examiner objected to the abstract and, in particular, to the first sentence. Applicants have cancelled this sentence.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner notes the filing of two Information Disclosure Statements on September 13 and October 13, 2000. The Examiner has indicated on the PTO-1449 that all of the references submitted on September 13, 2000 are not accepted. The Examiner's only comment is "redundant over 13 Oct 200 submission." However, in the later filed Information Disclosure Statement, the four articles which were struck through in the earlier Information Disclosure Statement have also been struck through. Thus, Applicants have submitted these

four documents twice, and these have not been considered either time. The Examiner is requested to point out why these have not been considered.

Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings as not having reference numerals. By way of the present application, Applicants submit a new Figs. 1 and 13 with reference numerals.

Specification

The Examiner objected to the disclosure in that Fig. 1 shows nothing but a black box. The Examiner also states that Fig. 13 requires reference numerals. By way of the present amendment, Applicants have amended the specification to give a better description of Figs. 1 and 13. At the same time, Figs. 1 and 13 have been amended to add labels and reference numerals. It is respectfully submitted that the objection to the specification is now overcome.

Rejection under 35 USC 101

Claims 1-12 and 18-22 stand rejected under 35 USC 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Moreover, the Examiner indicates that the claim fails to state a practical application for the equation. By way of the present amendment, Applicants have

amended claim 1 to indicate that the method is for analyzing a transient in a sound signal. Applicants submit that this application now makes claim 1 fit into a statutory class. Claims 19-22 have been cancelled, rendering the rejection of these claims moot. New claim 23 specifically includes a statement that the method is for analyzing a sound signal. Accordingly, this rejection does not apply to the new claims.

The Examiner has not applied the prior art and accordingly, Applicants agree with the Examiner that all of the claims are allowable over the art of record.

New claims 23-32 have been added, which describe the method of Fig. 13 in greater detail. Applicants submit that these claims are likewise statutory and also define over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that the claims are statutory, and that the application overcomes all of the objections of the Examiner. In view of this, reconsideration of all claims is respectfully requested.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), the Applicants respectfully petition for a three (3) month extension of time for

filing a response in connection with the present application and the required fee of \$475.00 is attached herewith.


If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Replacement Drawing Sheets
Abstract of the Disclosure

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